

2009 SPECIAL EVENTS

CUMBERLAND FALLS STATE RESORT PARK

Calendar of Events

Jan. 9-10	Girlfriends Weekend	May 23	Spring Adventure Weekend
Jan. 24	Star Party	May 23	Star Party
Feb. 7	Moonbow Dinner Theater	June 6	National Trails Day Hike
Feb. 13	Valentine Dance	June 20	Star Party
Feb. 14	Valentine Murder Mystery Dinner Theater	July 25	Star Party
Feb. 21	Star Party	Aug. 11	Perseid Meteor Shower
Feb. 28-Mar 1	Backpacking 101	Aug 22	Star Party
March 28	Star Party	Sept 19	Star Party
April 12	Easter Egg Hunt	Oct 3	Moonbow Dinner Theater
April 17-19	Nature Photography Weekend	Oct 10	Reunion of the Civilian Conservation Corps
April 24-25	Camper Appreciation Weekend	Oct 17	Star Party
April 25	Star Party	Oct 31	Howling at the Moon
May 2	Spring Adventure Weekend	Nov. 7	Moonbow Trail Trek
May 9	Spring Adventure Weekend	Nov. 21-22	Backpacking 101
May 16	Cumberland Falls Beautification	Nov. 28	Star Party

Astronomical Adventures

Star Parties

An evening of Astronomy. Learn to read a star map and view the moon, planets and other astronomical features through telescopes. Star Parties are a brand new event for 2009, and will be held each month. Check calendar above for dates.

Howling at the Moon - October 31

Have a howling good time checking out the Earth's moon and other astronomical features through telescopes. Costumed stargazers will receive trick or treats while they visit the different telescope stations

Perseid Meteor Shower

August 12

The Perseid Meteor Shower is an annual meteor shower which is visible from Earth and hits its peak on the morning of August 12th, 2009. Enjoy a special night of stargazing and programming in the dark skies of Cumberland Falls. Special package price for 2, includes lodging, dinner, breakfast and lunch and a midnight snack, for only \$ 129.00

The Mysterious Moonbow of Cumberland Falls

On nights when the moon is full and the sky is clear, a unique natural phenomenon occurs at the Great Falls of the Cumberland. A white, ghost-like arc of light forms in the mist at the base of the falls and extends down the boulder-strewn gorge. This bent ray of light is known as a moonbow. The Moonbow is formed when the light, reflected off a full moon, is refracted like a prism in the mist of the falls. In this respect it is much like the rainbows that are frequently seen at the falls during daylight hours. However, because the event requires a full moon, it is not nearly as common. Times of the moonbow vary from month to month. On the first given date the moonbow should be out when it is completely dark. The moon rises later each night, so just add about 30 minutes to each night thereafter.

2009 Moonbow Dates

Jan	8-9-10-11-12	May	7-8-9-10-11	Sept	2-3-4-5-6
Feb	7-8-9-10-11	Jun	5-6-7-8-9	Oct	2-3-4-5-6-31
Mar	8-9-10-11-12	July	5-6-7-8-9	Nov	1-2-3-4-30
April	7-8-9-10-11	Aug	3-4-5-6-7	Dec	1-2-3-4-29-30-31



FOR THE ADVENTURER

Family Spring Adventure Weekends

April 25, May 2, May 9, May 23

Cumberland Falls is a nature-lover's paradise. Get the family out in nature this Spring with these adventurous activities: Canoeing, archery, bird walks, wildflower walks, astronomy, wildlife programs, hikes to other waterfalls and natural arches. Some of these activities will be offered on each date. Please call the park for a detailed schedule. Activities may be substituted depending on weather and other factors. Some activities are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis.

Moonbow Trail Trek

November 7

Hikers can choose a challenging 4.5 or 10.8 mile trek through the beautiful Cumberland River Gorge. Registration of \$15 includes T-shirt, refreshment, & shuttle to the trailhead. Registration deadline is Oct. 30.

National Trails Day Adventure Hike

June 6

If the thoughts of sleeping out in the woods is not for you then try a 7-mile trek this year. This trip boast some of the best scenery in the state of Kentucky. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Backpacking 101

Feb. 28—March 1 & November 21-22

Cumberland Falls, is offering some overnight Backpacking Trips. Let the Naturalist staff teach you the basic skills and we provide all of the equipment. Contact the park for more details.

Nature Photography Weekend - April 17th - 19th

Nature Photography Buffs will enjoy this weekend that features a 24-hour slide and digital competition. Photographers from all skill levels can pick up tips from guest speakers. Plaques awarded in several categories for beginner & advanced classes. Registration is \$40 per person. \$50 per person after April 15.

Just for fun

Girlfriends Weekend— January 9-10

Bring a friend, sister or mom and join us for a pajama party, chocolate, fun and lots more all in a package offered. Escape the winter blues for a weekend that's sure to become a tradition.

Valentine Getaway Weekend - Feb. 13 & 14

Cumberland Falls has been a romantic getaway for decades. Bring your special someone for a night of entertainment and relaxation. Your weekend begins with a dance on Friday evening, music provided by DJ. On Saturday Evening is a mystery dinner theater. Package price for entire weekend is only 299.00 per couple which includes a two night stay, meals for two and entertainment. Dinner and dance is \$ 30.00 per person and Dinner and Mystery theater is \$ 30.00 per person.

Cumberland Falls Beautification - May 16th

Meet at the Visitor Center at 9:00 am to help restore Cumberland Falls to its natural beauty. Volunteers receive a T-shirt and cookout lunch.

Moonbow Dinner Theater - Feb. 7 & Oct 3

Experience the fascinating lives of some past Kentuckians who had an influence on our culture. The KY Chautauqua program brings these unique characters to life. Enjoy a great dinner in the River Restaurant before the show. Special package price includes one nights lodging, Dinner and show for two for \$ 115.00. Dinner and Show is only \$ 30.00 per person.

Easter Egg Hunt - April 12

Kids 10 and under gather at the pavilion behind the pool for a 1,000 egg Easter Egg Hunt. The gates open at 2:00 pm. Special prize eggs hidden. The egg hunt will begin at 2:30 pm.

Pinnacle Knob Fire Tower Tours

The Pinnacle Knob Fire Tower was constructed in 1937. Very few towers of this particular design exist today. The goal is to recreate the cabin to represent the early days of fire detection. The tower will be open for tours on a guided basis only. For more info on tours and the scheduled dates please contact one of the naturalist listed below.

Jam Session at Cumberland Falls

Last Monday of Each Month



Cumberland Falls is inviting musicians to participate in our "Open Mike" Jam Sessions held on the last Monday of each month, except December. The concept of a Jam Session is to showcase our excellent local talent as well as to provide free entertainment for the public. Sessions are from 6pm to 9pm and take place in the Great Room of the Dupont Lodge. Come early and enjoy a country buffet in the Riverview Restaurant from 5pm to 8pm.

You're Always Welcome at
Cumberland Falls!

In addition to our many planned special events and recreation opportunities, Cumberland Falls State Park is a venue for many reunions, conferences and weddings. Our Groups Sales staff can custom plan your special event.

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